

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Employment and Education programs include the State Department of Rehabilitation/Department of Mental Health Cooperative Agreement and a website, www.wcrc.pbwiki.com, that has job and educational opportunities.

To facilitate consumers' access to other employment and education resources, partnerships have been established with the Los Angeles Unified School District, WorkSource Centers, community colleges, adult education and apprenticeship programs.

For more information on eligibility requirements and how to access these programs and resources including applications and guidelines go to:

dmh.lacounty.gov

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COUNTYWIDE HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (CHEERD) PROGRAMS

COUNTYWIDE HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), Countywide Housing, Employment and Education Resource Development (CHEERD) develops and manages housing resources and mental health programs that provide outreach, engagement and mental health services to DMH consumers that are homeless. CHEERD also manages employment and education programs, provides training, technical assistance and advocacy on housing, employment and education. The goal of CHEERD is to support the wellness and recovery of consumers as they reclaim their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

HOMELESS OUTREACH AND SERVICE PROGRAMS

- SB 82 Mobile Triage Teams (SB 82 MTTs)
- Integrated Mobile Health Team-Full Service Partnerships (IMHTs-FSP)
- Projects for Assistance in Transitioning from Homelessness (PATH)
- Multidisciplinary Integrated Teams (MITs)
- Single Adult Model (SAM)

Following are descriptions of the housing programs administered by CHEERD. Eligibility criteria for these resources varies depending on the program but generally includes:

- Meeting the homeless/chronically homeless criteria as defined by Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Being assessed and prioritized for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) through the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Receiving on-going outpatient services from DMH and its contract agencies

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Housing Assistance Program** assists consumers with funds for security deposits, household goods and eviction prevention. Consumers accessing these resources must be homeless or at risk of homelessness and have limited or no income. Brilliant Corners administers this program on behalf of DMH.

FEDERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

The **Federal Housing Subsidies Program** through grants from the City and County Housing Authorities provides consumers access to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) subsidies such as Shelter Plus Care, Tenant Based Supportive Housing, Homeless Veterans Initiative and Section 8. These subsidies make units affordable for consumers who pay a limited percentage of their income as rent, with the balance paid to the owner by the Housing Authority.

MHSA HOUSING PROGRAMS

The **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program** provides capital development and operating subsidy funding for the development of PSH for DMH consumers who are homeless. Through partnerships with developers, on-site service providers and property management companies, DMH is increasing the number of affordable housing for individuals with mental illness and their families. DMH and its network of agencies provide the mental health services to the consumers in the MHSA funded units. This program is underwritten and monitored by the California Housing Finance Agency.

The **MHSA Housing Trust Fund Program** provides funding for supportive services in PSH for consumers that were homeless or at risk of homelessness.

TEMPORARY SHELTER PROGRAM

The **Temporary Shelter Program (TSP)** is intended to provide short-term shelter services for adults with mental illness and their minor children who are homeless and do not have adequate income to pay for temporary housing. The TSP provides safe and clean shelter, 24-hour general oversight, three meals each day, linens, clothing and toiletries. The TSP is utilized as a bridge to permanent housing.